

COLORED TROOPS ADOPT MASCOT; TOTAL HITS 171

Stevadores Hint at Belated
Payday, But Come
Back Strong

MORE ORDERS FROM FRONT

Machine Gunners Become Jealous
When They Read Touch-
ing Letters

SUPPLY TRAIN MEN ACTIVE

Two Girls and Boy "Full of Pep and
Jazz" Are Earnestly
Requested

Stevadore Regt., Camp No. 1..... 1
1st Platoon, Co. C. — M.G. Bn. 1
Sgt. W. H. M. Jr. 1
Co. D. Chgo. 1
Y.M.C.A. Base Hosp. No. 8..... 1
Co. A. — Engrs., Ry. 1
Co. B. — Engrs. 1
Nurses of Base Hosp. No. 36..... 1
Hosp. B. Base Hosp. No. 36..... 1
Officers and Men, Base Hosp. No. 36 1
Co. I. — Stevedore Regt. 1
Co. P. 2nd Bn. — Engrs. (Forward) 1
Headquarters Co., Supply Train. 1
Company 5, M.R.S. No. 1
Co. C. — Supply Train. 1
1st Inf. Train. 1
Headquarters Co., M.G. Bn. 1
Capt. F. P. Ples for — Pullen Sec-
tion, S.C. 1
Previously adopted 119
Total 171

Eighteen more A. E. F. units and two individual soldiers—a captain and a sergeant—played philanthropists this week and became parrains of 22 French orphaned and homeless children, and the total number of child mascots adopted by American soldiers jumped to 171—just two months and two days after the announcement of the plan by THE STARS AND STRIPES.

One hundred and seventy-one children whose fathers, in the years before we came into the war, laid down their lives for the cause for which we now are fighting, or were permanently disabled, are assured of comfort and schooling for a year, and the letters of thanks which most of them have written to their new god-fathers eloquently express their gratitude.

To these boys and girls, particularly those made homeless by the Hun invasion, the 500 francs contributed by their parrains means the end of want and suffering, and their adoption by American soldiers is, at the same time, regarded by them as an honor and an inspiration. The American Red Cross committee in charge of the expenditure of the money upon the children, most of whom are of school age, reports that the youngsters, after recovering from the almost overwhelming news that they actually have become wards of *les soldats Americains*, have invariably said: "It's another belated payday. Anyhow, the stevedores conclude, 'Now that the work has been started, you will hear from us again.'"

Colored Troops in Line

The colored troops of the A.E.F. got into the list of god-fathers for the first time this week. They got in twice, in fact, two stevedore companies taking much.

The colored stevedores are desirous of doing their share toward the adoption of these orphans," one of the units wrote, "and if the editor will make us a visit, he will understand why we have not been heard from before."

Maybe it's another belated payday. Anyhow, the stevedores conclude, "Now that the work has been started, you will hear from us again."

The "club" of Company D, — Engineers, Ry., which heretofore has confined itself to devising practical ways of affording wartime entertainment for the concerned, held a meeting and declared an assessment of three francs apiece on the entire membership of the company for a war orphan.

They Want Letters, Too

Two machine gun companies whose stations are up where the Boche hunting is good made adoptions, and one of them, a headquarters company, said:

"This company is very anxious to adopt a French 'war baby' under your plan. The subject was brought up to-day, and before the question of this company had passed the pay table, the necessary fund was collected. All these letters printed from the little 'Marie Louise' and 'Germaine' and 'Yvette' published in your paper of May 17 have made them jealous and they insist on having a mascot written just such letters to them. The sooner your reply is tacked up on the bulletin board, the more satisfactory it will be."

"Most of the subscribers to this fund are wagoners making their nightly trip to the men in the front line trenches. You can imagine the intensity of such an existence, and this little affair is furnishing the first real diversion of the Boche season."

Engineers Come Again

The Engineers were in the foreground again this week with four adoptions, two by companies and two by individuals. The previously included four parrains. "We want the son of a *poilu* killed in action," wrote one of the companies, "preferably with blue eyes and black hair. If they come with natural fighting propensities, we would not be averse to that sort."

Company A. — Engineers, wrote: "This company has been greatly interested in your campaign to provide for the wants of French war orphans, and encloses 500 francs for the care of an orphan boy. This money was raised over night by a bit of friendly rivalry between the platoons, it being necessary to state the object of the solicitation but once. We take great pleasure in doing this bit for the children of France and know that we will have equal pride in our boy."

Three companies from the same Supply Train each sent in for a mascot: two *petites mesdemoiselles* and a "boy, eight to 12, bright, intelligent, and full of pep and jazz, a typical son of La Belle France."

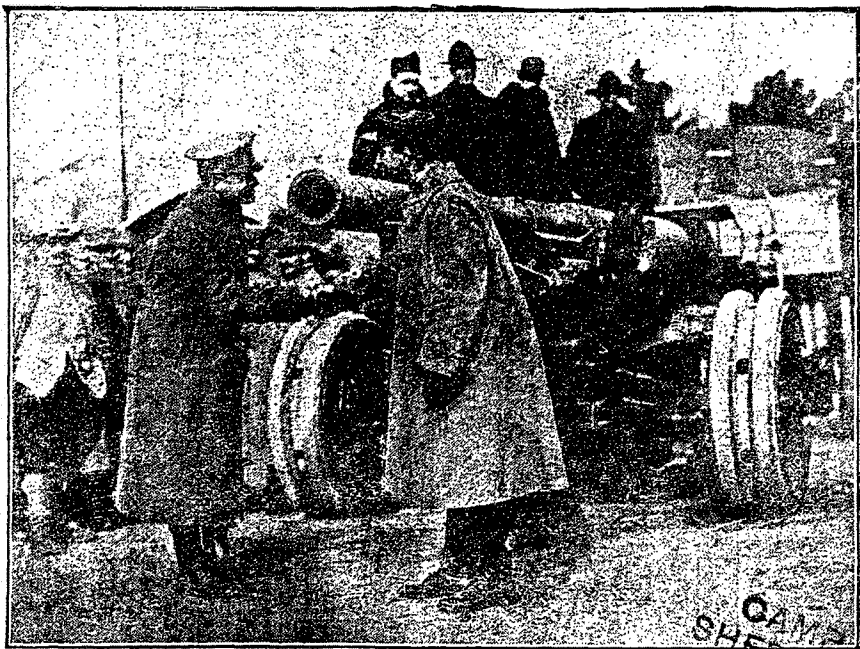
Sergeant W. H. M., Jr., became a god-father on his own account.

"I prefer a boy," he wrote, "an intelligent little fellow between six and nine whose father has fallen in battle and whose mother is unable to care for him."

Base Hospital No. 36 took three children, the nurses one, the officers and men one, and Hospital B the third.

Troop A. — U.S. Cavalry, asked for a girl of about five, thus gaining the distinction of being the first cavalry troop to make an adoption.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE GUNS



A French and an American artillery officer greeting each other in the presence of a friendly third party, who is holding her tongue—just at the momentary

INSURANCE SAFE IF HOLDER IS UNPAID

Your War Risk Policy Can't
Lapse If Government
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NEW ALLOTMENT RULINGS

Amount Will Be Computed on
Lowest Rank Held by Man
Who Is Promoted

Important new rulings concerning War Risk insurance and allotments generally are announced by the War Risk Bureau in a circular of 38 pages which summarizes the general situation and explains every question that can arise in the mind of the soldier who is anxious to use his spare money to the best advantage in protecting himself or caring for his family.

The holder of a War Risk policy is protected whether he draws his pay or not. The policy, in other words, is safe as long as the Government owes the man more in pay than he owes the Government in premiums. Thus, men who have not been paid for two or three months need have no fear that their policies may lapse through non-payment of the monthly premium. If, however, the holder pays his premium in cash and then fails to meet a payment, his policy will lapse after 31 days of grace.

If a policy holder is taken prisoner or reverts to his insurance will continue just the same, providing he pays his premium by allotment. The Bureau is now considering a regulation to cover men made prisoner who pay their premiums in cash, and indications are that the policy will be against lapse in such cases.

If You're Promoted
If an enlisted man who is making an allotment to his family is promoted during any given month, his allotment for that month will be computed on the lowest rank he held during that month. Thus, if a private is made a first-class private on the 5th and a corporal on the 26th, he will allot only the amount which has been deducted in the past.

Previously, it would have been necessary, in the case mentioned above, to compute the allotment on a basis of four days as a private, 21 days as a first-class private, and five days as a corporal. Another important ruling provides for the appointment of an allotment in case the allottee does not designate the person to whom his money is to go. In such cases the allotment shall be on the basis of two shares for a parent and one share for each brother, sister or grandchild.

The Bureau is now engaged in investigating applications for allowances to discover any that are fraudulent, and if any man feels that through some inadvertence an incorrect statement was made in his application, the matter can be corrected if he makes a statement to his organization commander.

One Thing at a Time

It is requested by the Bureau that any communication sent in relation to a subject only, so that if a man inquires about both allotments and insurance, it will be to his advantage to write two separate letters. He should also state

HOW TO ADOPT AN ORPHAN

A company, detachment, or group of the A.E.F. agrees to adopt a child for a year, contributing 500 francs (\$87.72) for its support. The children will be the property of the children of French soldiers so seriously crippled that they cannot work, or refugees from the invaded districts, as specified by the adopting units.

The money will be sent to THE STARS AND STRIPES to be turned over to a special committee of the American Red Cross for disbursement. At least 250 francs will be paid upon adoption and the remainder within four months thereafter.

Photographs and the history of each child will be sent to its adopting unit, which will be notified of the child's whereabouts and advised monthly of its progress. The Red Cross will determine the disposal of the child. It will be maintained in a French family or sent to a trade or agricultural school.

No restrictions are placed upon the methods by which money may be raised. Donations and communications regarding the children should be addressed: War Orphans' Department, THE STARS AND STRIPES, G2, A.E.F., 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France.

LAFOLLETTE MISQUOTED

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, May 30.—The LaFollette Learning in the United States Senate reached a startling point when the Associated Press, the biggest of the world's news-gathering associations, presented to the Senate an official confession of error in its report of the much discussed speech made by the Wisconsin Senator last May.

This confession establishes the fact that LaFollette said "We had grievances against Germany" instead of "We had no grievances against Germany," as he was quoted in the Associated Press version, which was spread broadcast throughout the country in thousands of newspapers.

NEW YORK IDLERS TO BE ROUNDED UP

Raids in Big City Bring in
Many Turkish Bath
Hounds

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, May 30.—New York State will begin on Saturday to gather up its idlers between the ages of 18 and 50, in accordance with its new anti-idling law. The authorities promise that they will look in the clubs as well as on the street corners down by the old grocery stores.

During the past few weeks the metropolitan police have been rounding up slackers by continuous raids. The philistines are greatly interested, because the reports turned in to the desk sergeants show that the largest catches were made in Turkish bath emporiums. This causes earnest speculations among the thoughtful as to whether or not the slackers are cleaner than the rest of us, or so dirty that they need it more.

whether the original application was made to Washington or to the A.E.F. office.

The sender's name should also be typewritten or printed under his signature. A high officer recently sent in a query regarding his application and signed his name so illegibly that it required a long search before the documents were found—under a name that scarcely resembled the written signature.

The new circular—War Risk Circular No. 3—covers all former circulars and includes all new rulings up to April 30, 1918. It is carefully and amply indexed and gives the authority for every ruling laid down.

The circular is the product of the printing department at G.I.Q. and is an attractive little booklet that does credit to the Army's typographic. It may be had by writing promptly to the War Risk Section, A.P.O. 717.

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Base Hospital 17 has been there these many months, and by way of expressing appreciation for the immediate and unfailing hospitality of their French neighbors, the enlisted men put on this show.

Scene After the War

The plot of the piece dealt with the effort of an American captain to give a good idea of America to a French lieutenant who visits him in his mansion on the Hudson after the war. He takes him to a cabaret show. This turn of the plot in no end of soft-shoe dancing, buck-and-wing, walking-the-dog and other steps so near to the American foot. It let in lots of ragtime and many tables, whereat the cast sat sipping something poured from champagne bottles.

On the professional stage back home this would usually prove upon investigation to be cold tea, but here the authorities were suspicious and pounced on the props long enough to make sure that it was only lemonade. After the inspection was safely past, however, they do say somebody substituted something else. Certainly the performance became more and more peppy and a pleasant time was had by all.

Now Base Hospital 17 is planning a new and more elaborate production, with special scenery painted by a nearby camouflage company.

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